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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 37 without prejudice.

Amend claim 2 to read:

2 (twice amended). A reagent [according to claim 1, wherein the] comprising a targeting moiety covalently linked to a metal chelator [has] having a formula:

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